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SUBJECT: NAC STATEMENT

REF.: SALT- TWO 0083

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
SALT BACKSTOPPING COMMITTEE REGARDING THE DRAFT NAC
STATEMENT CONTAINED REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FIRST SECTION OF (II) DEALING WITH NON- TRANSFER,
DELETE THE SENTENCE BEGINNING " WE RESPONDED THAT NON-
TRANSFER . . ." AND WORD " ALSO" IN FOLLOWING SENTENCE.
SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SENTENCE IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH BEGINNING
" OUR POSITION IN RESPONSE TO . . ." THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:
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" OUR POSITION WAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THAT WE WILL NOT ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT UNTIL THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT."

2. IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH MIRVS, DELETE THE PARENTHETICAL CLAUSE IN THE THIRD SENTENCE "(WHICH COULD INCLUDE MIRVS)". BEGIN A NEW PARAGRAPH AFTER THIS SENTENCE, REVISED AS FOLLOWS: " THE SOVIETS DID NOT PURSUE THIS SUBJECT FURTHER IN FORMAL MEETINGS, BUT IN SEVERAL INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS . . ." DELETE THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THIS SECTION BEGINNING " AT THIS SESSION . . .", SINCE THE FINAL PART OF THE NAC STATEMENT WILL DISCUSS HOW WE PLAN TO DEAL WITH THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS AT THE PRESENT GENEVA SESSION.

3. IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION DEALING WITH FBS, DELETE THE PRESENT FINAL SENTENCE BEGINNING " DURING THE CURRENT SESSION OF SALT", AND SUBSTITUTE: " THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE U. S. POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT."

4. IN THE PARAGRAPH ON THE SCC, WE ASSUME YOU WILL ADD INFORMATION REGARDING THE SOVIET DESIGNATION OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SCC (SALT TWO 0085).

5. IN (III), REFER TO " OUR LAST DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL", RATHER THAN " OUR LAST REPORT TO THE COUNCIL". DELETE " AS THEY CONTINUE TO ARISE" AT THE END OF THE SAME PARAGRAPH. DELETE THE SENTENCE BEGINNING " WHILE IN OUR NAC CONSULTATIONS", AND SUBSTITUTE " WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER VIEWS YOU MAY WISH TO PUT FORWARD". IF IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE NAC SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS FBS IN DEPTH, YOU MAY AGREE AS PROVIDED IN STATE 22120, 6 FEBRUARY 1973.

6. IN (IV) WE RECOMMEND DELETION OF THE PRESENT FIRST PARAGRAPH, AND SUBSTITUTION OF A SUMMARY CHARACTERIZATION OF THE LINE SEMENOV HAS TAKEN IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU ON MARCH 12 AND THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION MARCH 13.

7. WE THEN RECOMMEND A SECTION CHARACTERIZING THE GENERAL U. S. APPROACH AS SET FORTH IN YOUR GUIDANCE. SUCH A PASSAGE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: " AT THE BEGINNING

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OF THIS PHASE OF SALT TWO, THE U. S. DEL HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A VIGOROUS EFFORT TO ELICIT MORE SPECIFIC SOVIET VIEWS. I WILL SEEK FURTHER SOVIET VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF MIRV LIMITATIONS. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN SOVIET VIEWS ON AGGREGATE LEVELS INCLUDING THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD REDUCTION BELOW THEIR CURRENT LEVEL. ALSO, WE WILL PURSUE DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE OF SALT IN ENHANCING THE SURVIVABILITY OF STRATEGIC DETERRENT FORCES.

- WE HAVE REPORTED TO YOU THE EXTREME AND UNREALISTIC SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR LIMITATION OF BOMBER ARMAMENTS. IF THE SOVIETS PURSUE THESE PROPOSALS, WE WILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO PLACE APPROPRIATE LIMITATIONS ON AIR DEFENSES. IF THE SOVIETS RETURN TO THEIR PROPOSALS THAT 'RESTRAINT' BE EXERCISED REGARDING NEW STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, WE WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER

RESTRAINTS WITHOUT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS ON CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES."

8. THE CURRENT FINAL PARAGRAPH OF (IV) COULD BE RETAINED, REPLACING (C) WITH " ASCERTAIN THE SOVIET ATTITUDE ON REDUCTIONS FROM THEIR CURRENT LEVELS.

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